

Remarks:

The above amendment cancels claims 14-23, which were introduced in the preliminary amendment dated April 21, 2004. The subject matter of the canceled claims will be pursued in a divisional application.

The amendment further introduces claims 24-38. The added claims are related to and are modified relative to claims 1-13. Specific support for the added claims is found on page 9, lines 35-37, page 10, lines 14-16, and page 11, lines 28-31 of the specification

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

Counsel's payment in the amount of \$90.00 for five claims in excess of twenty and \$264.00 for three additional independent claims is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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